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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of the Claims:**

Claims 1-12 (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) An animal training device comprising:

- a housing having first and second faces, and a central cavity;  
- a flexibly resilient metal strip mounted in the cavity, such that said metal strip is supported at two locations along its length, and comprises a resiliently deformable portion, wherein upon the application of a force to said strip, the strip is caused to flex briefly, before springing back to its initial state due to its inherent resistive tension ~~said metal strip being adapted to produce a clicking sound upon the application of a force to said strip~~ two audible signals, each said signal corresponding to the flexing and subsequent release of the metal strip;

- an actuator provided on the first face of the housing, said actuator being arranged to bear against the resiliently deformable portion of the metal strip thereby to transfer to said portion a manual force applied to said actuator; and

- a whistle comprising a resonance chamber formed in the second face of the housing, and a mouthpiece in communication with said whistle resonance chamber, said whistle being adapted to produce an audible signal upon a user blowing into said mouthpiece.

14. (Currently Amended) The animal training device of claim 13, wherein the resiliently deformable portion of the metal strip is defined between said two support locations.

15. (Currently Amended) The animal training device of claim 13, wherein said metal strip has a free end, and wherein the resiliently deformable portion of the metal strip is defined between one of said two support locations and said free end of the strip.

16. (Currently Amended) The animal training device of claim 13, wherein the actuator further comprises a manually-operable button, located on an outer surface of said

actuator, said button being adapted to receive the application of a manual force from a user's thumb.

17. (Currently Amended) The animal training device of claim 13, wherein the actuator is mounted in the housing on a pivot, such that said actuator is capable of hinged movement about said pivot.

18. (Currently Amended) The animal training device of claim 13, further comprising attachment means to attach said device to a further component selected from a chain, a cord, a key ring and a wrist-band.

19. (Currently Amended) The animal training device of claim 13, wherein the housing is formed from molded plastics material.

20. (Currently Amended) The animal training device of claim 13, wherein the housing is of complementary shape and size to a palm of a user's hand.